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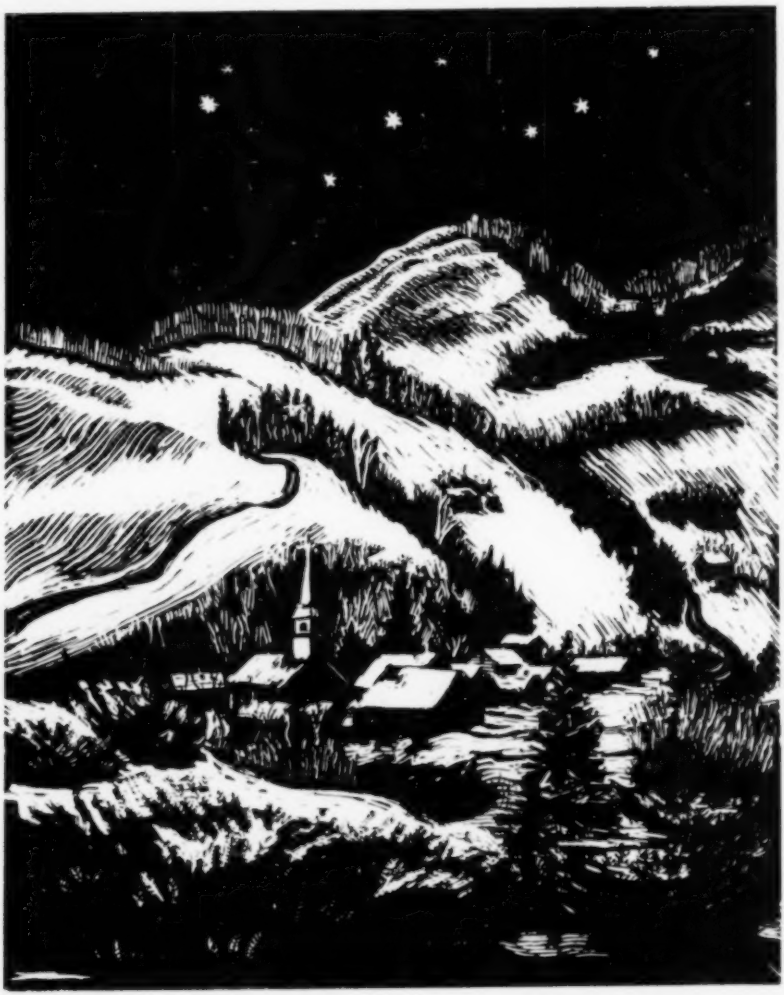

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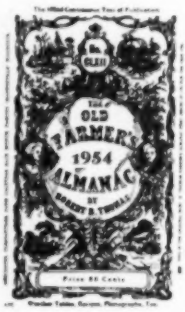

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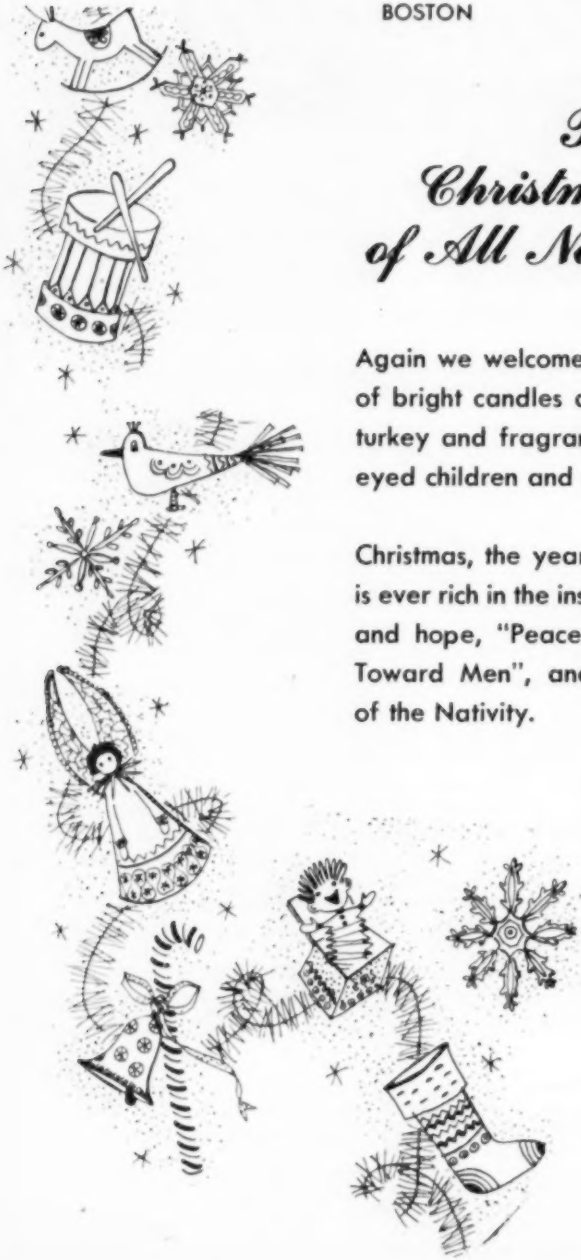

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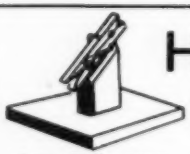

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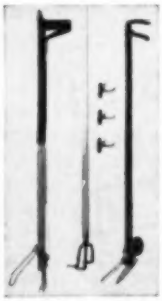

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Answer: You are inquisitive as the devil, and we have a right to be idignant, but did you ever think of this—maybe the things we do and say seem odd to you only because you are peculiar ! After all, our doings for the most part are the sort of things that generations have done before us.

Penn.: Dear Oracle: Is it true that an owl can turn his head clear around as if it was rigged on a swivel? Some people say so, as you have probably heard. F. B.

Answer: 'Tis wrong. As a boy we have killed many an owl simply by walking around a tree where they were perching until the bird broke his own neck trying to keep an eye on us.

Kansas: Dear Oracle: Do you favor late plowing? Especially for seeding. Farmer.

Answer: We never have favored plowing after eight o'clock in the evening unless the moon was big. Otherwise the furrows are liable to wabble, and besides, in our day, it got the horses into the habit of staying out nights.

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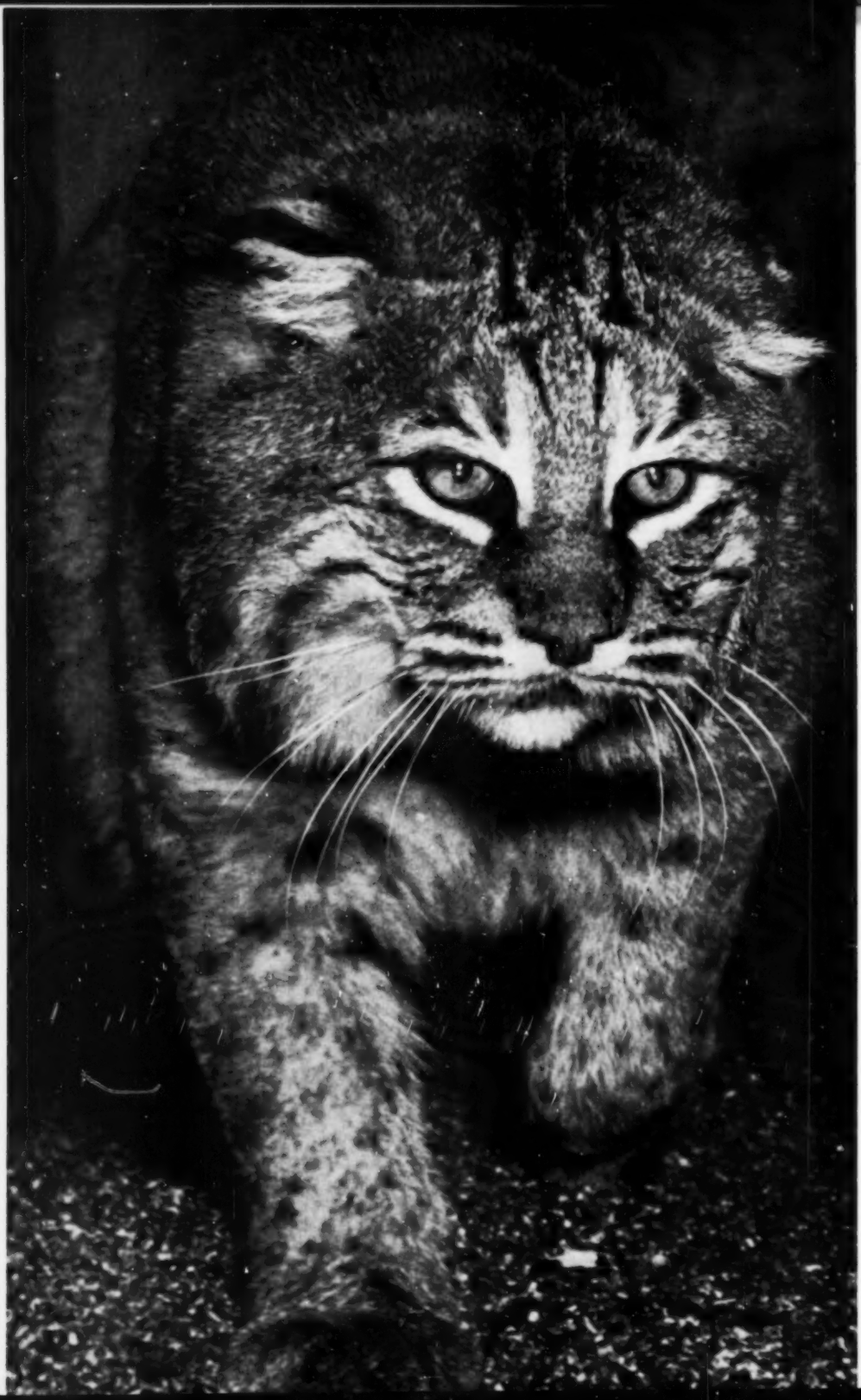

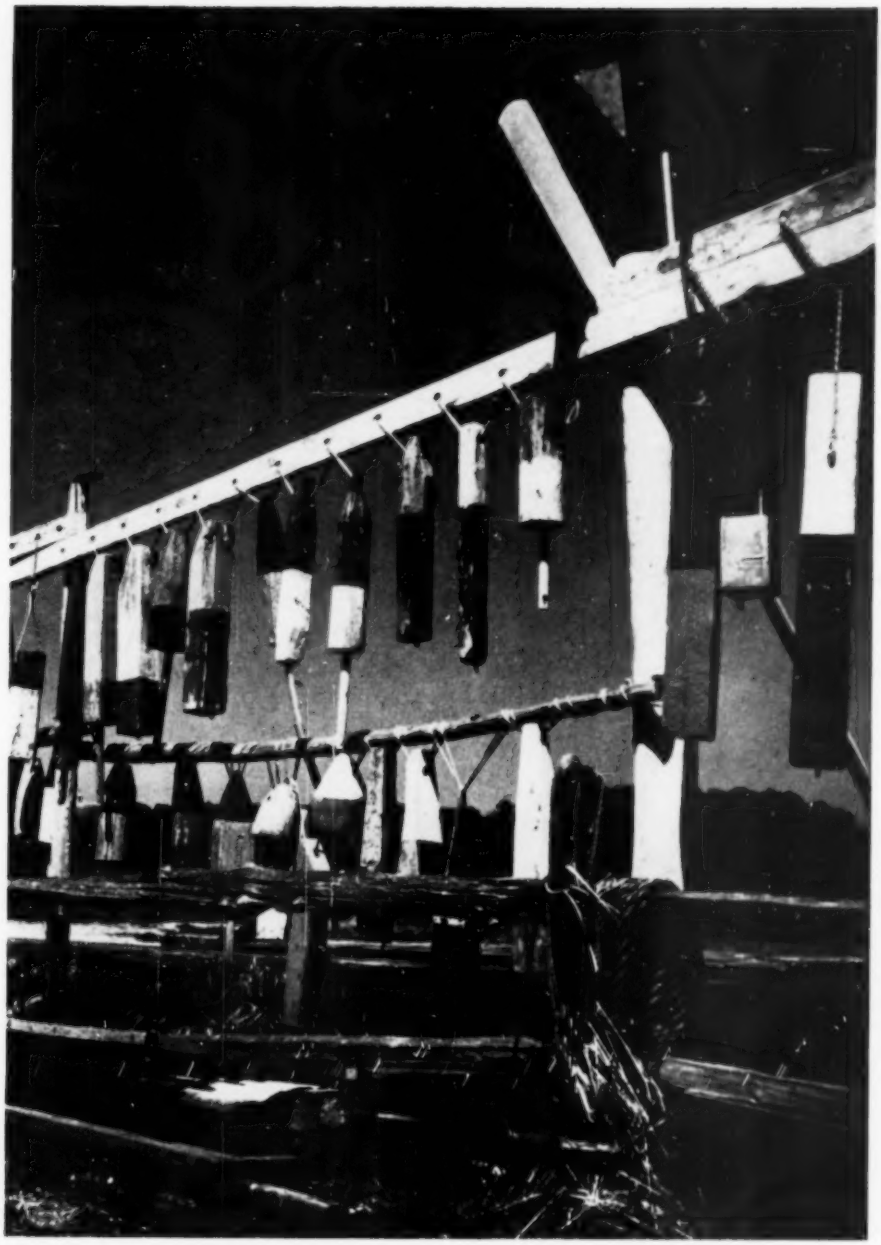

(Opposite page) Canadian lynx in captivity, Chester, Vt. lives in a cage with a house cat for a pal

Lobster buoys, Chatham, Mass.

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"Offering of the Heart"

That is the aim of Boston University's new minister from San Francisco.

Dr. Howard Thurman in deep meditation just before the service.

On a Sunday morning in late September, a full congregation crowded into Boston University's Marsh Chapel, which had more usually been nearly empty since its construction in 1949. They, most of them strangers to the church, were there to hear the opening sermon of Dr. Howard Thurman, recently appointed Dean of the Chapel and University Preacher, the first Negro ever named to a full-time teaching post at Boston University.

The congregation sat in silence, shoulder to shoulder, row on row; yet all this mass of humanity seemed insufficient to warm the cold, white severeness of the Gothic architecture. Then the organ sounded and the choir filed in, followed by Dr. Thurman and Harold C. Case, President of the University. The new minister and the congregation viewed one another with interest. Dr. Thurman saw before him a sea of unknown faces, curious, impassive, waiting to pass judgment. And they saw before them a medium-sized man with dark brown skin, heavy-lidded, luminous eyes, broad forehead and blunt features, of a serious expression.

Adding to the barrier of strangeness was a new order of service, written by Thurman. First there was the choral call to worship, the hymn, the invocation, responsive reading, anthem, etc., after which Dean Thurman finally approached the pulpit to read the Meditation. He began reading in an unbelievably slow, soft voice, with beautifully phrased words and measured pauses in which the silence deepened, his head down. The effect was almost hypnotic. An emotion was evoked that gradually seemed to warm the cold-looking chapel — life and warmth flowed from the minister to the congregation and made a pile of stone for the first time into a house of God.

"It happened during the Meditation," Dean Thurman recalls. "I was no longer a stranger. We were all part of the human family, caught in the same struggle, trying to get light on our own particular darkness."

Every Sunday since that first one, the Chapel has been full. And any Sunday after the service you will observe people coming down the steps, still hardly talking, still under Thurman's spell; they stand around in knots, in which there are numerous colored people, Chinese, Indians, and others. If you listen, you will hear only praise, and sense a deep respect for this man who is able to free their spirits to worship. And Thurman: "I don't have to have anybody tell me whether they have worshipped, because if I feel that I have been to church at the end of the service, then I know I have not been a mere performer."

He hopes to make Marsh Chapel a place where any one of any religion "can find an experience in what he is seeking . . . Somewhere in the hour and five minutes of the service," says Thurman, "there is some minute each person can find as his own." He also must find a moment that is uniquely his, because, "my approach to religion is a layman's, not a professional. My needs are as deep and personal as theirs." When the moment comes, Thurman says it is as though, "I have smelt ammonia."

Proof that Dr. Thurman's approach to religion works is evident in the outstanding success of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, where as minister for the past nine years, he has increased the congregation from a wavering 30 to a stable group of over 300, composed of a wide variety of races and religions. When B. U. announced a program last spring to create an interracial, interdenominational religious center for the university and, the community, Dr. Thurman was named as the logical man to head it: the man who believes, "The central act of celebration of the human spirit is the conscious worship of God. In the presence of God, neither male or female, white or black, Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, exist. There is only humanity."

Love of humanity courses through him in a wide rich stream. It is evident

He lets the congregation go with a joke.

in the power of his speech, the original and forceful symbols he evokes, his strong sense of humor, and the breadth of his philosophy. Confronted by such a man, the consideration of color or race becomes trivial and irrelevant; except as news, why even mention that Thurman is a Negro? Talking with him causes one to reflect that, if there is such a thing as a legitimate hierarchy, then it is a hierarchy of the mind, and in such an exalted society Thurman would stand out. There are from every country, every people and from all walks of life a few who have a kinship far more important than race or nationality—they think alike. Not that they agree, but that they dwell on the same things: humanity, religion, the meaning of life and man's purpose, all those imponderables which engross the true philosopher. And out of totally different backgrounds, they may meet anywhere and recognize their kinship.

That this brotherhood is as true for the rest of humanity is easier to realize when Thurman preaches. When he says, "We all hunger for God," man's similarities become far more tangible than the prejudices which keep him apart. When he speaks, humanity has found a tongue.

then, with a quick change of pace, renews the tension and, drives home his point.

But what he talks about is no more important in moving his hearers than the way he talks. It would be hard to find a more accomplished speaker; in fact, without in the least impugning his sincerity, he may be called a spellbinder. Probably all great speakers are. In good speaking there is a quality of performance, of timing and dramatic change of pace. In his manner of reading the Meditation, we spoke of Thurman's slow, almost whispered delivery, that held the congregation transfixed, breathless, straining to hear. His sermon voice, by contrast, is infinitely varied; there is still the measured, weighty cadence, but the tone rises and falls from a powerful booming bass to a sibilant whisper. His long, graceful hands move constantly, creating images from the air, now spread wide, now poising a point on the fingertips.

In one sermon, entitled "Barren or Fruitful", Dean Thurman had worked the congregation up to a terrific intensity. He was speaking of "doing violence to that which I had embraced as meaningful." Macbeth had been quoted as a case in point. As he said, "there is blood on my hands," the agony in his voice and the raising of his straining hands created a lifelike and affecting illusion. There was not even a cough to break the hush as he paused.

Now abruptly, he changed pace and theme. In a droll voice he mimicked, "I'm smart, do you hear? Yes I'm smart. I'm smart and I know it. I've been everywhere, and where I haven't been, my parents have." The congregation laughed and relaxed, for a moment. But the minister's manner changed again and he admonished them, "Don't let contempt of the commonplace make your life barren!" He went on to tell of a crippled man in a college town who made his living repairing shoes. He was dismissed by the students as simply, "Old Crip." But one day the man approached Thurman after a sermon and asked him to visit him in his room. Thurman did, and had one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. The cripple, it turned out, knew almost all of Shakespeare by heart, and performed for the minister with moving perfection. "There was that man, winning his way through life supported by two huge crutches." In a slow, whispered voice he drove his point home, "There is magic, all around you."

Thus, his manner of preaching, dramatic, rich in example and anecdote from his own full life, is a treasure house which he opens to those who can understand and learn. He says, "I feel the people inside of me." He almost always reads something before beginning his sermon, something which has significance in itself, which may or may not have bearing on the sermon. "It puts the congregation's spirit at my disposal, and mine at theirs. The juices start flowing, independent of me. The tempo opens up, the congregation and I flow together, and it is in that confluence that I start preaching."

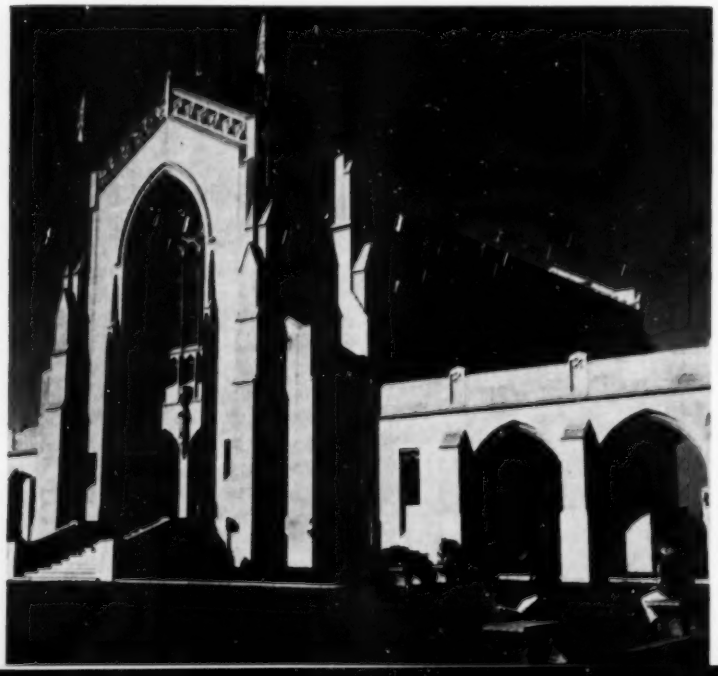
Keeping the feeling intact once he has started requires strong discipline and is essential, because "if they feel you are out of control, then chaos results." But, "there is a certain profound confidence in the integrity of what you are doing that bottoms the whole activity, so that you are never lost."

With his sensitivity to the spirit of his listeners, which he gauges mostly by his own feeling and sense of reverence, Thurman can let them have a belly laugh if they need one, with no sense of irreverence or bad taste, and without losing control, because he knows "it's on the track, in the palm of the hand." He says:

"I can feel the emotions of the audience rising, until they reach the danger point. By that I mean something has to give. So, the simplest thing of sophisticated people to give is their attention. I tell a joke to let them go. I can't do violence to that reverential feeling, by manipulating it. That exposure belongs to God."

With all this force, this leadership and the power to move his hearers, Dr. Thurman remains a humble man, a man dedicated to "stirring deep emotions that we often try to disown," feelings that Americans particularly seem embarrassed to show, finding release instead in emotional reactions to cheap sentimentality. In a role of leadership, which he regards as purely incidental, Thurman is seeking what he feels all humans are seeking—"to share as an offering of the heart, that which has deepest meaning." And this he describes as "at bottom, the hunger for God."

B. U.'s Daniel L. Marsh Chapel: Thurman has made it a house of God.



Where the Sun Rises

WHERE does the sun first rise on America? The Sunrise Club on Mt. Cadillac at Bar Harbor, Me. insists that only its membership knows, Others, more hardy, climb Mt. Katahdin for their first glimpse of dawn. New Hampshire's State Development Commission propagandizes Mt. Washington's lofty peak as the place. Maps reveal Eastport, Me. as America's easternmost city, Lubec its easternmost town, West Quoddy its easternmost bit of land.

Quoddy (just before Eastport) is coming back a little. But on the whole, with its millions of dollars worth of buildings, warehouses, apartment houses, and homes fast crumbling under pressures of wind and weather, it remains pretty much of a disgrace to the nation. It was here the tide experiments were begun—where another Roosevelt TVA was in the making. The disgrace lies not so much in the abandonment of the project as it does in the irresponsibility with which government views upkeep and repair until another use is found for the housing and equipment.

Eastport reminds one of a Colorado mining town—run-down hotel, unpaved Main Street, more police than people in sight. People complain that employment is scarce.

Yet some have dug in to stay. Such a one is John Knight. He may be said to own not only the most northeasterly house (on Todd's Point) but also the most northeasterly business. Mrs. Knight runs a local diner while he attends to his Aroostook County fish and lobster calls.

From Lubec, across a bay, is West Quoddy Point. A lighthouse and Coast Guard Station are there, and the point these are on, with its rocky shores, is the most eastern land of all the United States. The sun rises, at sea level, first of all here, over Canada's Grand Manan. It is a scenic, bird lovers', coast lovers' paradise. That America's sun should begin our day at such a truly beautiful, unadvertised, unspoiled spot is just as it should be. The hand and brain of man will not improve on what God has made here.

America's most northeasterly business.

Laughter and gaiety abounded last February during Middlebury College's Winter Carnival (and will again this winter). For three days Middlebury, Vt. swarmed with students and their dates, all trying to witness each one of the many different events. Skis swished down the slalom course; skates flashed during the hockey game with Dartmouth; actors strutted the boards in *Amphitryon 38;* beautiful co-eds reached for cookies and punch between dances at the Coronation Ball; and Queen Betsy Strong and King Verne Goodwin smiled at each other and at their subjects.

Previously, hundreds of students like Kathy Hughes, Junie Stringer, (above) and Bob Hazelton, (left) had worked for days to make the Carnival a success. On the ski slope timers and checkers froze their feet willingly clocking the participants from seven colleges. Teamwork and cooperation was the order of the week-end, and there was much merriment in Middlebury.

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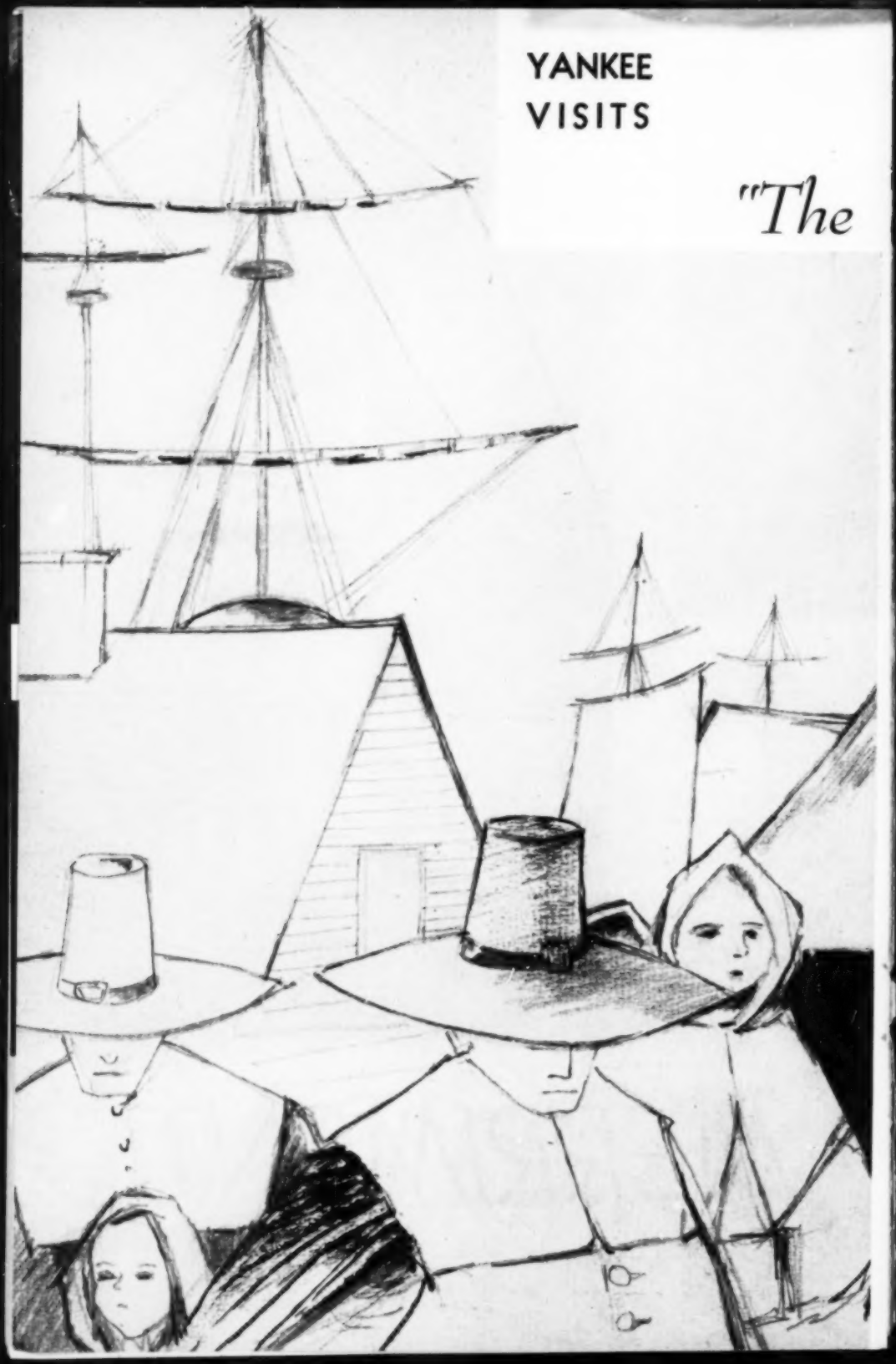
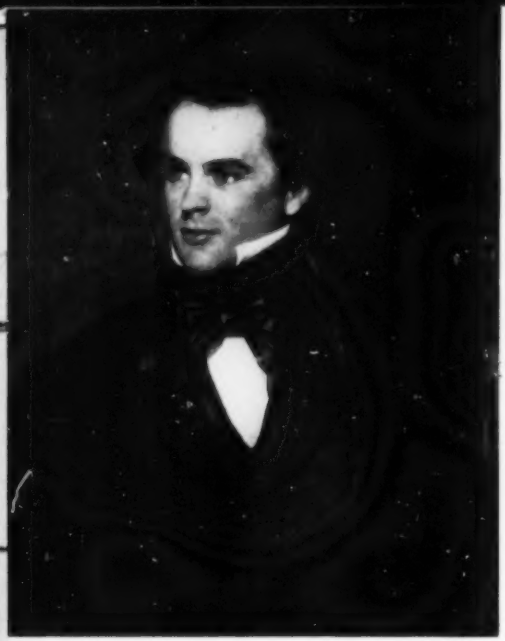


Nathaniel Hawthorne's SCARLET LETTER"



Portrait of Hawthorne at 36, by Charles Osgood.

Hawthorne's birthplace, 27 Union St., Salem, Mass.

FOREWORD

In the first half of the last century, aloof from the radiant circle of the Concord Authors, as dark and legendary as one of his own characters "in sad-colored garments, and gray, steeple-crowned hats," Nathaniel Hawthorne seems to stand forever motionless, all in shadow, a cloaked mystery, impenetrable.

His tales were like the man. Not even his neighbors, Emerson with a "sunbeam in his face," or Thoreau "with much of wild original nature" in him (as Hawthorne botanized them in his Journal), owned a personality more co-continuous with his works. He is ever-present in them, yet not in a personal, autobiographical way; rather he is felt, a presence, as one might be aware of a ghostly Rembrandt close to his canvas, still the Artist and still peering more deeply and wonderingly than anyone at his own creations.

We shall try to draw nearer this great and elusive spirit, but at the outset we know that he will still be far away when our pilgrimage is done. Even to Sophia Peabody Hawthorne, his wife, he had an eerie, magnetic quality that alarmed her at first, but became archangelical to her later.

Our visit with Hawthorne, then, will more resemble an unearthly visitation, for he will doubtless be at our elbow at each step, perhaps noting down in some ethereal Journal our fumblings at his ancient Concord, Boston and Salem archives, or smiling spectrally while we poke away the grasses at time-eaten gravestones, his very "monuments carved with armorial bearings," seeking that which perhaps we know shall not be found.

For our concern in this Legend story is neither all of Hawthorne's life, nor all of his works: it is *The Scarlet Letter;* Hawthorne as he was when and before he wrote it, the tanglewood of its origins; and the traditions that ever since have placed upon this or that actual feminine breast of Puritan Boston, "in fine red cloth, surrounded with an elaborate embroidery and fantastic flourishes of gold-thread," the letter A.

Since you will be dinned with The Scarlet Letter all through this, why don't we sit for a moment, remembering it? Perhaps for you, too, it is hazy with time, years since you turned its pages. Do they seem difficult? A professor of English told us he thought so. Our own memory until changed by new readings was of a story jungle-thick with words, and few quotes.

Yet what have we here? A love story: the oldest theme in the world: the triangle. "But," as one said to us, "I thought the place in it was Salem in

Grave of the Author, Concord, Mass.

witchcraft times!" And it is true that visitors in Salem, that "disarranged checkerboard" with Gallows Hill at one end, sometimes ask to see where *The Scarlet Letter's* heroine, Hester Prynne, stood on the pillory scaffold.

No, it was Boston, many years before Suffolk and Essex Counties had their delusive and tragic witch-hunts. The year is a decade or so after the settlement of Boston, in the middle 1600's, and to picture it you must dissolve all of today's Boston, and gather the forest in close around Cornhill—which means that King's Chapel melts away and becomes a Puritan minister's home; the former county courthouse changes into its own ancestor, grimmest of oak-timbered, iron - spiked prisons; and down must go the Old State House in favor of its earliest predecessor, Boston's first Meeting-house—in front of which (at last we find it) would stand the scaffold, the pillory, and Hester Prynne, the scarlet A glowing on her bosom.

Does the story return? . . . how Mistress Prynne, than whom there has been no more commanding tragic heroine in all literature, not excluding the Greeks, came to Boston ahead of her aged scholarly husband? How she fell in love with Rev. Arthur Dimmesdale, the brilliant, ailing, revered minister, and bore his child, elfin little Pearl?

And her punishment . . . to wear a scarlet A for life, standing at intervals before the populace!

As it all comes back, one remembers swiftly how Hester embroiders the A, bears her punishment with dignity, shields her lover; how her husband, Roger Chillingworth, appears and, suspecting the minister, begins a psychological torture that is all too familiar in our modern world; how, seeing the agony of her lover, Hester reveals the identity of his tormentor.

Do you recall the guilty leap of your hopes when, in the forest, Hester embraces the soul-shattered minister, implores him to return to Europe, and whispers, "Thou shalt not go alone!"

You know the end—Rev. Dimmesdale climbing on the scaffold after his greatest sermon, Hester beside him; his confession of guilt, the terrible secret A he reveals, ripping away the ministerial band from his breast; his death—and Hester's life of good works as a voluntary nurse, "stately and solemn," always wearing her scarlet letter, although at last besought even by the authorities to discard it.

"And, after many, many years a new grave was delved, near an old and sunken one, in that burial-ground beside which King's Chapel has since been built. It was near that old and sunken grave, yet with a space between, as if dust of the two sleepers had no right to mingle. Yet one tombstone served for both. All around, there were monuments carved with armorial bearings: and on this simple slab of slate—as the curious investigator may still discern, and perplex himself with the purport—there appeared the semblance of an engraved escutcheon. It bore

Famous "Scarlet Letter" illustrations by F. O. C. Darley (1822-88) show (top) the lovers in the forest—(bottom) the climax of the story.

Boston City Hall. Its massive doors suggest Hester Prynn's gaol. The old county courthouse stood here, so this could be where Hester was brought forth.

a device, a herald's wording of which might serve for a motto and brief description of our now concluded legend; so sombre is it, and relieved only by one ever-glowing point of light gloomier than the shadow:—

"ON A FIELD, SABLE, THE LETTER A, GULES."

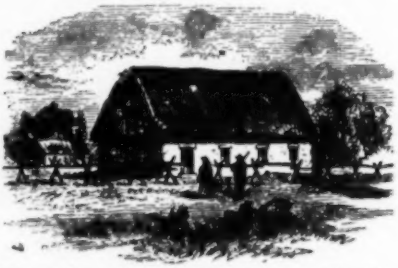
For a few minutes, awaiting the opening of the burying-ground gate on a drizzly Sunday morning, we sat in one of King's Chapel's high, old-fashioned pews, looking up at the tall pulpit and sounding board, and around at white marble busts and memorial plaques.

So vivid was Hawthorne's description of the King's Chapel grave that it is little wonder many seek it. Graves with "armorial bearings" are there indeed; many a name is dim, and one's ardent scrutiny tries hard to imagine a "Hester Prynne" on this or that sunken, tilted slab of slate.

But our studies had already warned us against such a hope. No Hester Prynne lies in King's Chapel Burying-ground, at least no one of that name. Nor is there a Rev. Dimmesdale, whose house stood, in the story, where the church is. Tantalizingly, minor persons in *The Scarlet Letter* were given their real names—like Gov. Bellingham, asleep over in the Granary Burying - ground beside the Park St. church, and Mistress Hibbins, the governor's sister, executed as a witch in 1656.

Had there been a Hester under another name? We had come across the idea in *The Boston Book*, by photographer Arthur Griffin and writer Esther Forbes (Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 1947). Speaking of antique interments at King's Chapel, the book goes on: "Another tradition says that Elizabeth Paine was the original of Hawthorne's Hester Prynne, who wore 'The Scarlet Letter.' "

That fateful sentence had taken us through many a history, genealogy,



Old print of the first Boston Meeting-house, where the Old State House now stands. Here stood Hester on the scaffold.

burying-ground record, and was to lead us through further tomes, of Puritan court cases, tax records, handbooks, and all manner of queer old volumes, standing tied with dusty ribbon in bookstores, collections and libraries.

Esther Forbes, via long distance, had tried to be helpful. "I think I came across it in one of Bacon's Boston guidebooks, one before 1900." A diligent search of Bacon's books had not brought it to light for us, however. But in Concord, Mass., where Hawthorne had lived at the Old Manse and at the Wayside, and where he is buried —there in the library, where his bust looks at infinity, we had found some

Elizabeth Paines. They were later than Hester's time, to be sure. An Elizabeth Homer, in the early 1700's, had married a Judge Amasa Paine of Troy, N. Y., and a child of this union was the Hon. Charles Paine, once governor of Vermont. But she was not in King's Chapel Burying - ground, and we feared to stray from Hawthorne's clue.

The niece of this lady was Elizabeth Paine Homer, evidently named for her illustrious uncle-by-marriage, and she *is* there—in black and white, in *Memorials of the Dead, Containing Exact Transcriptions of Inscriptions on the Sepulchral Monuments in the King's Chapel Burial Ground*, by Thos. Bridgman, Mussey & Co., 1853, No. 29 Cornhill (Cornhill!).

(Above) Tradition's Hester Prynne. (Above, right) Homer tomb, far right, King's Chapel, Boston. See text for both.

Yes, she is there, in that gloomy abode of the past, beside the dark "squat tower" of King's Chapel, down in the thick shadows beside Tremont Street. She is not in a grave but a tomb marked only "Benjamin Parrott Homer."

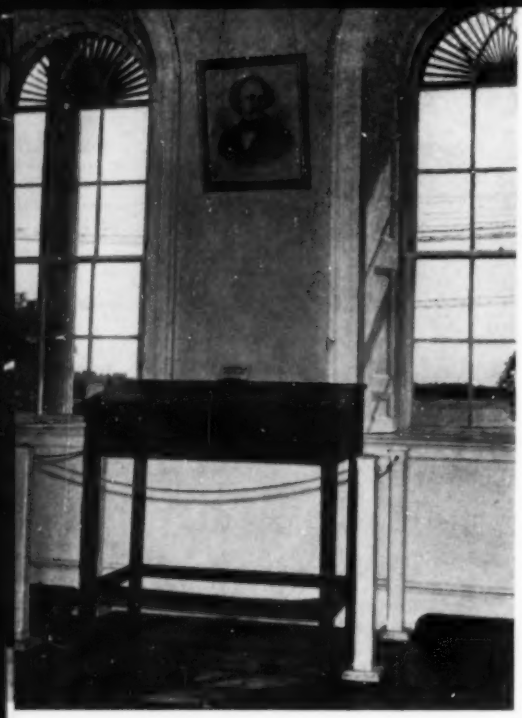
It is not often that the "curious investigator" of the past, and especially of past sin, experiences the rare Sir Galahad thrill that is now to be ours. For this Elizabeth was unmarried, and 22 when she died in 1816. She could not possibly, therefore, have worn an A, embroidered or not, on her gown. Our romantic bent, however, was strongly stirred by the Homer family arms, thus described in heraldry:

"Argent, a cross-bow unbent, pointed upwards, sable, between four moorcocks, gules. Crest—a goat's head, erased argent."

Visitors to King's Chapel are oftenest shown the grave of still another Elizabeth Pain (spelled with no "e") who died in 1704. The slanting bar (see photo) on the heraldic shield is imagined to be one leg of an A—but is clearly not, being an integral part of the design just as it shows, completed contained within the bas-relief shield. There would seem to be no more to the myth than this—although the claim as a whole is admittedly more interesting than most.

"Of course, there was probably *no* prototype of Hester," said wise Margaret Hackett, of the Boston Athenaeum. With wit and sagacity she had disinterred Paines and Paynes for us by the dozen in those archives, once haunted by Hawthorne himself.

"Was there ever such a law—with a letter A and so forth?"



noble old family names. Theft, rape, murder, adultery—the whole gamut is there. There were many Hesters. Amongst many distinguished Paines we found a hapless one, an Elizabeth, found "greatly negligent" for murdering her illegitimate child, and "to be whipt 30 stripes . . . ." (Transactions of the Colonial Society of Mass., Vol. 3). "That Bessie was a bad one, wasn't she?" commented Miss Hackett.

Early Pains, Paines and Paynes were —like your and our forefathers—of all sorts. A William was a staunch fellow, sueing, being sued, and becoming surety to the town for people in trouble. A John was a Boston constable. A Rebecca bequeathed $500 to the poor. A Susanna got in trouble with slander and a *menage a trois*. A Moses kept a wine tavern. Then there was Thos. Newman, who kept "unlawful and sinful company" with Hesther (!) Palmer —they were whipped and placed in a

(Above) Hawthorne's desk at Salem Custom House. (Right) The Custom House as it was in his time. See also page 38 photo of today.

Miss Hackett found the law:

> "After being set on gallows and whipped, the offenders shall forever after wear a capital A, of two inches long and proportional bigness, cut out in cloth of a contrary color to their clothes, and sewed upon their upper garments, on the outside of their arm, or on their back, in an open view ——"

Was it ever invoked? One suspects that it was. Punishment was severe, and many were in trouble. Do you preen yourself over the antiquity of your family? Read the Suffolk County General Court records! It teems with

cage, with a paper on the breast stating their transgression. This same Hesther's name elsewhere appears alongside one of the less worthy Paine fellows, as persons not wanted around by the selectmen.

In the end, one lets them all sleep in peace. Pain? Paine? Or Payne? There were no persons whatever of these names in the 1634 Book of Possessions, wherein all who owned Boston land were listed (which would be closer to *The Scarlet Letter* period). Hester's orig-

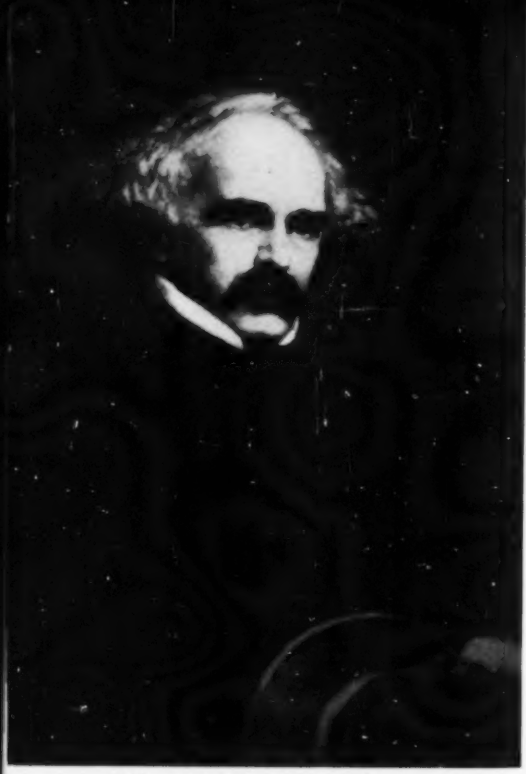
inal, if one existed, might still be someone else, or—most probably—she was compounded of a more rarefied element than graveyard mould: a blend of historic cases (in which Hawthorne steeped himself), and the elixirs of his own genius.

"Then Hester Prynne was a deeper composite than tombstones might reveal," we were saying to Miss Hackett, when all at once we experienced a powerful, magnetic, and spectral beckoning, not to be denied, there in what had become the bottomless dark of Puritan Boston.

"No, no, she is not there. Come this way," we seemed to hear, as if from the dead author himself, and so we went to Salem.

Salem? Yes. Hester sinned, transcended her fate and flourished in Boston; Hawthorne lies between two plain stones in Concord, Mass. (unprotected so that human beings with asses' ears tread on him daily!); but *The Scarlet*

(Above) Sophia Peabody Hawthorne, the Author's wife. (Below) Rare 1835 unpublished silhouettes of Peabody family—top row, left to right, Mrs. N. Peabody, Dr. Nathaniel Peabody, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Jr.; bottom row, George, Sophia, Mary, Wellington.



(Above) Nathaniel Hawthorne. Oil portrait from photo, by H. Frances Osborne. (Below) Grave of Col. Hathorne, witchcraft judge.

Letter was born in his native Salem Town.

Hawthorne nobly seated, hat and cane in hand, coat thrown capewise about him, is the first thing you see going into Salem. Bela Lyon Pratt's statue stays in your mind as you enter Washington Square, where children hop about the walks, just as merrily as did Hawthorne's own angelic, weird little daughter Una—or Hester's Pearl in the forest, for *there was* a real-life prototype.

And in Washington Square you meet the pixilated old men described by Van Wyck Brooks in *The Flowering of New England* (E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., 1936). One, indeed, in a frayed overcoat, autumn leaves like tame bats whisking about his thin shoulders, querulously seized our hand, pronounced our face "honest," which we assured him we tried to have it be, and, on hearing that our car had battery trouble, said: "It's always so, sir—Salem's a hard-luck town. *He'd* say so, too!"—waggling both arms toward the statue of Hawthorne.

We had to agree that the author had not cared for Salem, although bound to it by instinct and a certain affection.

Washington Square is an equilateral triangle. Venture only a block or two in this or that direction, and you have traversed the heart Hawthorne's life there. Turn so, and you face Union St., where he was born in a bare, plain house, July 4, 1804. Face a little this way, and here, on Herbert St., he lived for years in a plainer house, writing in seclusion; a house in which his widowed mother also lived in seclusion. Here he felt himself to be "the obscurest man of letters in America"; here, Salem revisited, he was to write, at 31, 'In this dismal chamber FAME was won."

Kids romp about cemetery of Salemites of witchcraft times

Room at 14 Mall St., Salem, Mass, where "The Scarlet Letter" was written. Here came Publisher James T. Fields from Boston, to find Hawthorne glooming beside a stove. The writer said he had nothing to publish—then reluctantly produced a rolled-up manuscript. Fields pronounced it a classic—and so was born the story of Hester Prynne.

Let us stroll, however, to 14 Mall St., where *The Scarlet Letter* was written. It is unmarked, a narrow, three-story house, painted dull buff with brown trim, rising on a small, shady street, behind a wooden fence and gate, and having at its toes, as it were, a miniature yard. . . .

"Our metes and bounds are rather narrow," Hawthorne had journalized; "but still there is fair room for them [his children, Una and Julian] to play under the elms, the pear-tree, and the two or three plum-trees that overshadow our brick avenue and little grass-plot."

It is still a little grass-plot, there within the gate—that gate where Sophia Hawthorne hung with joy one day as she saw the children and their father "returning together, Julian taking hold of his father's and Una's hands, and Una shining with joy at taking the first walk with Julian. 'Oh, am I not happy? I am,—I am!' as the Peri sang. . . ."

(Above) Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Frechette, new owner of the Mall Street house. Mr. Frechette works for the electric company. (Below) Mr. William Skoniecki, who lives on the first floor, (See page 36).

Yet it was a sad period. Hawthorne went to work as Surveyor of the Port at the Custom House, a three-minute walk, and there worked three and one half hours daily, seated on a three-legged stool at a high, plain desk. Surrounded by musty officials, former sea captains who snoozed in rickety

Isabella Marques of Chelsea, Mass., a nurse who plans to become a nun, visits the Witch House, Salem, Mass. She had just read Hawthorne's masterpiece (see page 38).

chairs or re-told their tales for the hundredth time, Hawthorne paced his high, bare room, glowered at the dingy shipping (for Salem had declined as a port after the War of 1812), and spent his afternoons baby sitting at the Mall St. house.

The baby sitting was necessary, for Sophia was tending his dying mother. "He—the heaven-gifted Seer—to spend his life between the Custom House and the nursery!" sorrowed his adoring wife. And they laid plans for a study for him on the top floor. But these were fallow years; his genius was numbed. It was not until a political trick put him out of office that he began *The Scarlet Letter*. He came home that day, dejected, and Sophia said, "Oh then, you can write your book!"—he must have spoken of the story trying to writhe itself into life, in his brain. It would be agreeable to know how one could write, with no money, said he. Whereupon Mrs. Hawthorne, that best of all literary wives, drew forth her savings!

"Up there is the room where he wrote it," said young Antonio Frechette. "We bought the place two months ago. Lot of people come asking questions, so I guess we'd better read up on it." The Frechettes plan to paint the house—now enlarged since Hawthorne's day, and rented out as tenements. No original furnishings are present.

Across Mall Street William Skoniecki was polishing his black car. He lives on the first floor of the Hawthorne house—has for 15 years. His father-in-law once owned it. Of Polish descent, Mr. Skoniecki knew his Sienkiewicz, author of *Quo Vadis*, but had not read Hawthorne. But he knew much about the house, and Cynthia his youngest daughter is reading *Tanglewood Tales*.

"There was old green woodwork up there in the study—green and blue," said Mr. Skoniecki. "No wood like that here. I figured it came from Germany, maybe the Black Forest. It was all torn out, finally. And say, they used to bake in the cellar—big baking place there, all the length of the house. But you know, people say there's a secret staircase he had put in, up to his room. They say he was a ladies' man—so his girl-friend'd go up the staircase maybe. I've checked the whole house but I didn't find any staircase. But maybe it's there anyway."

We laughed heartily over the girl-friend story told, but could not believe this of Hawthorne, a recluse into his mid-thirties, dragged into social life by Sophia's energetic sister Elizabeth (the Peabodys lived nearby on Charter St.), and then, as his own journals and letters show — and Sophia's too—blessed with an idyllically romantic marriage.

At the Peabody house on Charter Street, where Hawthorne had courted Sophia, George Xiarhos, a burly, philosophic Greek, laughed off the "girl-friend" rumor. This is the house described in *Dr. Grimshawe's Secret*, and, as in the story, it abuts a cemetery.

"I like to know about this Hawthorne," said Mr. Xiarhos, who occupies the house. "He is like our old

time in Greece, like Plato and, how do you say in American, Aes——"

"Aeschylus? Sophocles?"

"Sure. I see you know about them. Well, I go to the museums—I find many things about him there. These are my sons——" He gestured proudly at Peter, Nicholas, Charles and Louis. "I am a barber," said George Xiarhos, tapping his broad chest with a wrench. "Come see us again!" We shall.

In the adjoining cemetery children were playing tag amongst the graves of witchcraft times. We gave them a new game—to find that of John Hathorne, witchcraft judge—but, since they had not heard of him, we forebore to tell them anything, even though it was nearing Halloween, and they would probably have been gleeful over home-grown witches.

This old Hathorne had lain, we knew, not only in his grave, but even more heavily on Nathaniel Hawthorne's mind. In no small way, *The Scarlet Letter* begins with him, for the leit-motifs of guilt, tortured conscience, and the very theme of a judgment grisly and adamantine, thread all through Hawthorne's Journal.

Nowhere else in his life is there an event of really cataclysmic hurt (unless it were his mother's death)—hurt of a power sufficient to explain his macabre if poetic gift, and its rise to tragic magnitude in *The Scarlet Letter*. Yet how deeply Hawthorne really felt old Judge Hathorne's weight is debatable—he had a writer's relish of good material, and such an ancestor was marvelous stuff for a romancer.

Yes, one looks in vain for real tragedy in his uneventful life. Happy with Sophia and fatherhood, he was somewhat grumpy about his circumstances—restless in Salem, pacing that Custom House office like a tiger until let out. . . .

"Of course," said serious Edwin W. Small, portly, well informed Superintendent of the Salem Custom House today, "it looks better now. We've tried to match the old gray paint. The woodwork, as you see, is kept up. There is no gray sand on the floor—you remember that in his Introduction to *The Scarlet Letter*. And the wharf—the shipping is gone; also the dilapidated buildings. We have the eagle still—you saw that outside, the one 'with intermingled thunderbolts and barbed arrows in each claw.' "

Scholarly Mr. Small supervises the place for the National Park Service, as "Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Custom House, Derby Street, Salem, Mass."—and is a man who knows his Salem history. Sitting in the rear doorway of Hawthorne's office, we harkened an hour or so to Small's superb accounts, not only of our author, but of old sea kings and merchant princes.

"He isn't popular on Chestnut Street," said Mr. Small. "In the Introduction, you know, he speaks of the old officials, the sea captains. Well, on Chestnut there are descendants. . . ."

Later, we chatted at our hotel with Roger Cokeley, Beverly, Mass. adver-

The Xiarhos family occupies the Peabody home, in Salem, where Hawthorne wooed Sophia. Left to right: Peter, Charles, Nicholas, Louis, and their father George.

tising man, and with Adelene Hennessey, from the Library of Soldier's Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., and Isabella Marques, Portuguese-American nurse of the same hospital. In this group—ourself a Protestant—we explored an interesting viewpoint, that of intelligent, well-read Catholics. All had read *The Scarlet Letter*.

Mr. Cokeley, tall, with smooth white hair and intense dark eyes, spoke with thoughtful religiosity of what might have happened had Hester Prynne's story occurred in a Catholic community. She would have had absolution. It would have been a different story—harrowing as that problem always is—but not the story we know. "It is a great story," said Mr. Cokeley, "but as written could only happen where it did."

Miss Hennessey, the librarian, a walking encyclopedia about Salem, had also much to say about rehabilitation of soldiers. She gets them reading. "But few read Hawthorne," said Miss Hennessey. Which may be just as well.

Nurse Marques, youngest of our group, of Portuguese descent, is seriously considering becoming a nun. She had read *The Scarlet Letter* only two months past. Remarkably spiritual, deeply pious, she nevertheless felt: "Hester suffered more than she deserved. Many times over, she expiated that sin," said Nun-to-be Marques.

Salem Custom House today. First floor, left: Hawthorne's office as Surveyor of the Port. Second floor, rear windows in shadow: Room where Hawthorne said he'd found a tattered "A" and the story's facts left by old-time Surveyor Jonathan Pue.

The story had been in Hawthorne's mind for five years. Hints there are, many of them in his Journal, long before it was written. A tormentor becomes his own victim; insincerity makes a man's outward life unreal; in a crowd, two are in another's power; the universe is a mockery to one living a sham; a noble character is debased by guilt; revenge diabolizes the revenger; and, in 1844,

> "The life of a woman, who, by the old colony law, was condemned always to wear the letter A, sewed on her garment, in token of her having committed adultery."

We are now at the true heart of the matter. It does not seem probable—nothing in the life of this man, a man of profound integrity and purity, despite debunking biographers — that Hawthorne was expressing his own need for confession or catharsis. Perhaps Hester, in all her magnificence, tall, deep-bosomed, with "dark and abundant hair," "deep black eyes,"—with "a certain state and dignity"—a woman such as tragedians have always conjured up (Electra, Antigone, Anna Karenina, Eustacia Vye) — perhaps Hester was an image of strength he needed, despite his love for Sophia, the tender, the frail, the adoring. Except for her, he had little use for the neurasthenic modern woman of the 1800's. Hester may have been, then, a sort of imaginary love affair, as a novel, in someone's wise comment, is always a love affair to the writer.

But beyond this—no. Hester Prynne (a good old combative Puritan surname in England, by the way), rose from the deepest and most beautiful, yet murkiest region in the world, the mind of a great artist, in this case one of the most mysterious of all artists, whose inner mystery—that of his brooding mind—still eludes the curious investigator. He himself will always seem half Legendary, even more so than his tale of the scarlet A—motionless, in shadow, impenetrable.

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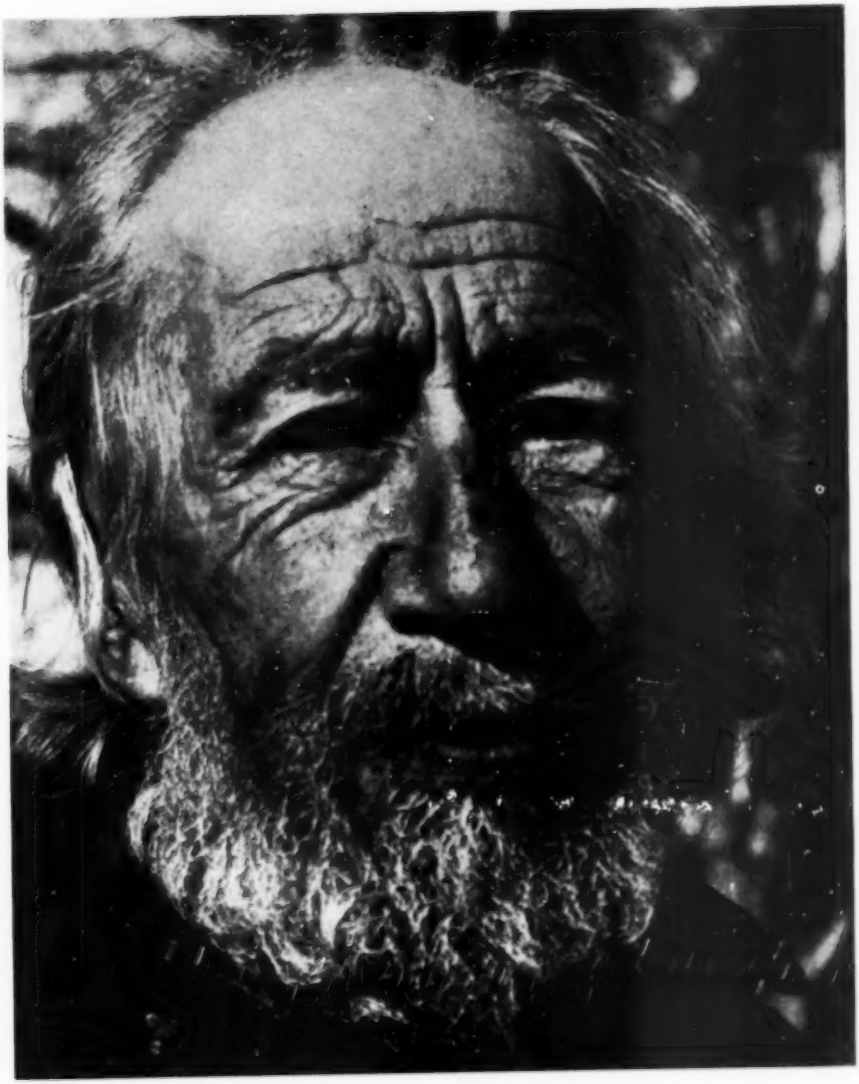

Groton, Mass. Patriarch

Abbott (left) ingratiates himself with his jailer by subduing a fellow prisoner, only to find the latter dead.

Seven Wives

The True (Maybe) Story of a Matrimonial Monomaniac

How much misery does it take to make a man swear off women? No doubt it requires great disenchantment to make the average man eschew the fair sex, but no man we ever heard of came back for more as repeatedly as did L. A. Abbott, the author and publisher in 1870 of a fabulous book, entitled "Seven Wives and Seven Prisons", or "Experiences in the Life of a Matrimonial Monomaniac." There seems no way of proving whether or not it is a factual account of his misadventures, or one of those fantasies frequently published as true experiences in the last century. But it is so frankly and painstakingly written, dwells in such detail on his prison sentences and general experience, that we are inclined to think Abbott was telling the truth. He himself could find no reason for his repeated marriages other than to decide he was a matrimonial monomaniac, everlastingly susceptible to the snares of young girls and plump, well-to-do widows.

All his subsequent troubles stemmed from his first marriage; when he was only eighteen he married "my first and worst", a girl from his neighborhood in Chatham, N. Y. By mutual agreement they separated, she retaining custody of their four children.

Abbott now supposed that the final separation, "was as effectual as all the courts in the country could make it, and I looked upon myself as a free man." Accordingly when he met the pretty daughter of a flourishing farmer in Worthington, Mass., where he had undertaken to practice medicine, he did not hesitate to woo and marry her. Her father was not of the same opinion, however, when he discovered that Abbott was previously married and apparently undivorced, and he came home one night with a posse and a warrant for Abbott's arrest.

He took the farmer aside and asked him to accompany him to see his daughter and make everything right with her, and then, if he would let

Abbot get away, he might keep his fine horse and buggy. The offer was too tempting to refuse, and the farmer accepted. Abbott continues the account:

"We rode to his house, and he went into the back-room by direction of his daughter while she and I talked in the hall. I explained matters as well as I could; I promised to see her again, and that very soon. My horse and buggy were at the door. Hastily bidding my new and young wife 'good-bye' I sprang into the buggy and drove rapidly away. The father rushed to the door and raised a great hue and cry, and what was more, raised the neighbors; I had not driven five miles before all Worthington was after me. But I had the start, the best horse, and I led in the race. I drove to Hancock, N. Y., where my pursuers lost the trail."

"My first and worst wife."

But as a result of a newspaper account of Abbott's trial for seduction of a girl

& Seven Jails

in Templeton, Mass., which was dropped, his pursuers again found him, he was tried for bigamy, and sentenced to three years' hard labor in Charlestown Prison, Mass. After serving half his time, Abbott was released with a governor's pardon, took up medicine again, and shortly found himself in Pennsylvania curing the son of a rich Dutch farmer and in love with the farmer's eighteen-year old daughter, who reciprocated his feeling, although Abbott was by now forty. He risked his life in many attempted elopements which led to severe beatings for both, and when finally successful, only ended in Abbott's second arrest and imprisonment for bigamy.

And so on through marriage after marriage, imprisonment after imprisonment, a successful doctor in the intervals, Abbott never waking up to the fact that securing a divorce from his "first and worst" might make his life a lot easier.

In the end Abbott admits: "I may as well confess it—it was intoxicating liquor, and that mainly, which had led me into my various mad marrying schemes, and made me the matrimonial monomaniac and lunatic lover that I was for years." "Finally, at the age of sixty or more, Abbott came to his senses, secured a divorce from his first wife, and married his seventh, and settled down to raise a family. "I have found a true wife and a real home at last," he writes at the end of the book, and so the old cuss settled down at last in "content and comfort."

In one of the more amusing incidents of Abbott's escapades, he kidnapped his own son, was arrested for stealing his own horse and buggy and so found himself once again, as he says, "in durance vile."

DOES

An official poses to symbolize the habitual criminal. Probation can save them.

Gus has 23 months more to serve in prison, and then once again, he will be a free man. At the age of forty he will be given the chance to start over again, to "go straight" and prove that he can become a responsible citizen.

What are his chances of staying out and "going straight?" Well, judging by his past record, they are very slim. Beginning at the age of seven, when he was sent to a child caring agency by his father (his mother was dead), he has served time in reform schools, industrial schools, jails and prisons all over the country. His offenses included everything from vagrancy to safecracking. Thirty of his thirty-eight years have been spent in correctional institutions, he has cost the taxpayers in excess of $30,000, and all they have to show for their money is an habitual criminal with several post - graduate courses in crime to his credit.

But despite his bad showing, Gus has many good qualities. He is intelligent, reads a lot, has a pleasing personality, and is tall and good-looking. He wants to do right, but just doesn't seem to know how. Both his warden and Richard T. Smith, Director of Probation in New Hampshire, to whose care Gus was committed in 1938, wonder if he is too old to change his life's pattern.

Gus says, and Smith agrees with him, that he "never got a break." He never had any guidance as a child, and there was no one to give him a kind word and affection. In reformatories he was beaten and learned about crime from hardened criminals. It would have been

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amazing if he had turned out other than a criminal.

And yet it would have been possible to set him on the right track, if he had only been turned over to probation authorities early enough. By the time he was placed on probation at the age of twenty-two, he still wanted to become honest, but was already set in his ways. Honest work seemed dull and unrewarding beside the excitement of a lawless life. "To me that was the natural way to live," says Gus. "I wanted to accumulate a lot in a short time." And so he broke probation, stole, and ended up in prison again, and probably always will.

"If we get them young enough, and they're all right mentally, then we can help them," Smith says. He told of another case to illustrate his point, about a boy of Gus' age who was placed on probation at age thirteen for stealing and truancy. His probation officer acted as a big brother, got Joe interested in a boys' club and interceded with his school to take him back. He became active in athletics, was made an all-state tackle his senior year, and went on to college, working his way through. At the end of his sophomore year he was put on scholastic probation and had to go to summer school. He took exams at the beginning of his junior year, with the understanding that if he did not pass, he would be ineligible for football. This college had the honour system, and Joe was allowed to take his examinations in his room, where he had all the books he needed to find the answers. But although football meant more to him than anything else, rather than cheat, Joe flunked both exams.

He graduated finally, and today he is a successful, law-abiding citizen, with a family and an excellent position.

These two case histories dramatize the need for fully staffed probation services in all the states; particularly today, when so many families are disorganized, and discipline is at a low ebb, a guiding hand is needed for juveniles who find themselves in trouble. In New Hampshire, despite the fantastic case load borne by the few probation officers, making individual supervision almost impossible; despite the fact that money spent per probationer is the lowest in the country ($27.00), Smith's Department contributed to reducing prison population by 1/3 in the last 15 years, saving the taxpayer $1500 per year on each person not sent to prison.

Probation, one sees, is not only the most effective treatment in reforming criminals (half of those who go to prison repeat), it is also an obvious economy. It is to be hoped that the work of probation services in New England will receive more attention, and larger appropriations.

N. H. Probation Director Richard T. Smith: "If we get them young enough, we can help."

Remember the old-time folding Christmas cards? This is an 1870 one.

"VERY SPECIALS"

by NANCY DIXON

Brand new recipes with just as new ideas are just as welcome as the package with the pretty paper and fancy ribbons to any good cook . . . don't you think???

We gave much thought to the idea of a fancy Christmas dinner idea but then decided that we all have our own particular type of family preference. Cookies and candies for the holiday were another idea . . . here too . . . chances are that you have your favorites.

Here are some more ideas to add to your bulging list of "very specials":

Kris Kringle Fruit Cake

2 cups sifted cake flour
1 T. baking powder
½ teas. soda
½ teas. powdered cloves
½ teas. cinnamon
½ teas. nutmeg
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 cups cold prepared mincemeat, drained
2 eggs, well beaten

1 can condensed tomato soup
1 cup chopped nuts

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and spices. Cream the shortening and the sugar; add cold mincemeat and mix thoroughly. Blend in eggs. Add the flour mixture alternately with the soup. Stir until smooth. Mix in the nuts. Pour into a greased and floured 10-inch tube pan and bake in a moderate 350° F. oven for about 80 minutes or until well done. Cool and frost or serve with hard sauce.

Chicken Corn Meal Waffles

1 cup cornmeal
½ cup sifted flour
1 T. baking powder
1 T. sugar
1 teas. salt
2 eggs, separated
1 can cream of chicken soup
½ cup milk
3 T. melted shortening

FOR XMAS

Sift the dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Beat the egg yolks well; blend in the soup and milk. Add to the flour mixture and beat until smooth. Add the shortening. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold into batter. Bake in a hot waffle iron until brown. Serve with butter or try whole cranberry sauce. (This recipe makes about 6 waffles.)

Extra Special Creamed Onions

2 pounds small white onions
1 T. butter
1 can mushroom soup
½ cup light cream
½ cup chopped walnuts
¼ cup shredded American cheese

Cook the onions in lightly salted boiling water until almost done. Drain. Place in 1½ quart casserole; dot with butter. Stir the soup and then blend in the cream and the walnuts; pour over the onions. Sprinkle cheese on the top and bake in a moderate 350° F. oven for about 30 minutes or until the cheese is melted and slightly brown.

Chinese Pepper Steak

1 pound round steak, sliced thin
1 diced onion
2 T. salad oil
1 tsp. salt
1 T. brown gravy sauce
1 tsp. Soy sauce
1 pound green peppers, seeded and sliced
½ pound mushrooms
½ cup water chestnuts, thinly sliced
2 teas. cornstarch
½ cup cold water

Brown onion and meat in salad oil. Add salt, brown gravy sauce and soy sauce. Add peppers and cover tightly and steam for five to 10 minutes. Add mushrooms and water chestnuts. Cover and steam again until the mushrooms are tender. Blend cornstarch and cold water until smooth, then add slowly, stirring constantly until the natural gravy in the pan is thickened. Continue

cooking and stirring for about 2 minutes. Serve over fluffy rice.

Rare-Rarebit

2 T. butter
1 small onion
½ green pepper
2 cups grated cheese
1 egg
1 12-ounce can whole kernel corn
1 cup canned tomatoes
2 slices day old bread
¼ teas. salt
1 teas. Worcestershire Sauce

Melt the butter in a skillet or the upper part of a chafing dish. Add chopped onion and pepper and cook until tender. Add cheese and cook until melted, stirring constantly. Mix the beaten egg with the corn and add the cheese mixture. Add tomatoes, bread cut in tiny cubes and seasonings. Heat thoroughly.

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$5.00 is the *first* prize going to Mrs. R. D. Symonds, 29 West Ave., Essex, Conn., for her recipe for

Grapenut Bread

½ cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup grapenuts
1 cup milk
1 ¾ cups flour
3 heaping teas. baking powder

Put the grapenuts in a bowl with milk. Let stand while creaming sugar and egg. Add grapenuts and milk to sugar and stir. Add flour and baking powder. Mix and let stand until double the bulk. Bake in a 325° F. oven until done.

$3.00 is the second prize going to Ida M. Mummey, 128 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, N. Y., for her recipe for

Uncooked Relish

4 cups chopped tomatoes
2/3 cup grated horseradish or ½ cup prepared horseradish
1 cup chopped onions
2 cups chopped celery
¼ cup salt
¼ cup mustard seed

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2 red peppers, chopped
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1 quart vinegar

Mix all of the chopped vegetables with the other ingredients. Pour the vinegar over all and mix well. Place in sterile jars and seal.

$1.00 is the prize for the third recipe submitted by Mrs. Harriet K. Giles, Ellsworth, Me., for her recipe for

Banana Whipped Cream Pie

1 cup heavy cream
½ teas. salt
3 T. sugar
1 3 teas. almond extract
5 ripe bananas
Baked 9-inch pie shell

Add salt to the cream and beat with a rotary beater until stiff enough to hold its shape. Fold in the sugar and almond flavoring. Cover the bottom of the pie plate with a small amount of whipped cream. Peel the bananas and slice into pie shell and cover immediately with the remaining cream. Garnish with candied fruit peel.

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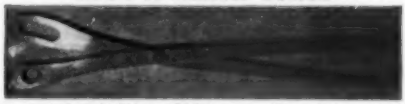

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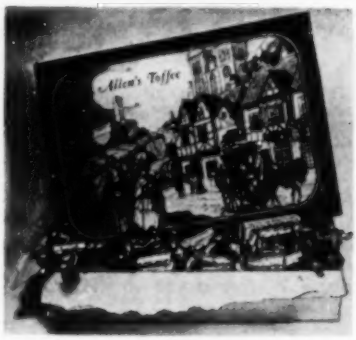

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CRAFTS

Sam Warren, Amherst, N. H., who makes gems from native New Hampshire stones, shows Elise Cabot the intricacies of making filigree jewelry. Many craftsmen demonstrated their work at the League of New Hampshire Arts and Crafts show last August.

Used to be that a person who had a basement shop and fooled around making corner cabinets and do-dads called himself a craftsman. Aunt Minnie crocheted covers for pincushions; Old Uncle Zeb whittled out a few walnut scrapers; and Mom, when she got time from the chores, made some mighty pretty crazy-quilts. They were craftsmen!

How things have changed! Nowadays, scattered all over the United States there are hundreds of crafts organizations, and thousands of people who make truly beautiful articles. Of course, some of them still don't know enough to advertise in YANKEE, but then you can't expect everyone to be smart. The smart ones, however, realize that YANKEE is a pretty good bet and so they follow the old saw about it pays to advertise.

"Handcrafts for Every Day Living" was the theme for the 20 Annual Craftsman's Fair of the League of New Hampshire Arts and Crafts held last August in Gilford, N. H. Held in the large buildings of the Belknap Recreation Area, the Fair was a tremendous success and proved again that the popularity of crafts is increasing by leaps and bounds.

I visited the Fair accompanied by Elise Cabot, a young artist who lives down the hill from YANKEE's office. She brought along her sketchbook and I my notebook, but to her sorrow, she was unable to make any sketches of the many beautiful articles on display. The Fair was so crowded with spectators that it was almost impossible to walk through the buildings, let alone make sketches! Furniture, pottery, weaving, every kind of craftwork was exhibited—and each item had been passed by the League's jury before its tag could be affixed.

As usual, there were demonstrations of different crafts—and potter's wheels spun and looms clacked back and forth, much to the wonder of the spellbound crowd. A fine show and one that is becoming more and more popular each year. YANKEE readers who may be interested in joining the League should write the headquarters at 205 North Main Street, Concord, N. H.

ARE DIFFERENT NOW

SMALL BUSINESS & CRAFTS

by DAMON RIPLEY
YANKEE'S *Roving Reporter*

Elise admires a copper vase made by one of the many artists who exhibited their work at the Belknap Region in Gilford, N. H. The theme "Handcrafts for Every Day Living" was well taken, as all the beautiful objects had a definite use for the home.

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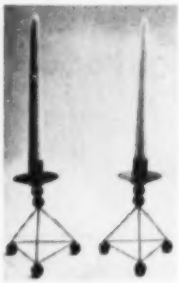

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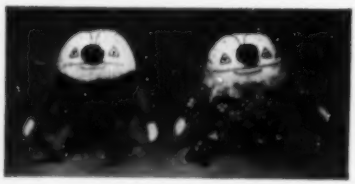

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A new advertiser, Priscilla H. Lowry, who paints the stunning little Lowry Miniatures, deserves mention here. If you are a collector of miniatures, or a displaced New Englander who loves New England landscapes, you should see Priscilla Lowry's beautiful little oil paintings. Only 1⅞" by 2⅝" in size they stand on a little easel and would make an ideal gift for Christmas.

In the food department you will always find the attractive cookie advertisement of Aunt Maria, of Dorset, Vt. Her cookies are all homemade, and take my word for it, they are really delicious.

One of our favorite, and most helpful, advertisers is "Mom" Weldon, of Malden, Mass. "Mom" goes around to

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One of the last places to manufacture Franklin Stoves of many authentic designs is YANKEE's old friend the Portland Stove Foundry Co., in Portland, Me. Franklin stoves, incidentally, are fast coming back into fashion, if you have noticed the fancy prices they bring at country auctions. Some time back Franklin Lawrence received so many orders that he had to cancel his YANKEE ad for a while. But then, he is a smart Yank and knows a good thing when he sees it.

Raymond Wilson, of Peterborough, N. H., has an unusual craft—that of making miniature clock cases for that old pocket watch you have in your desk drawer. Wrist watches having replaced the old turnips, these venerable, and often valuable, watches can be put back in harness by having Mr. Wilson make a handmade case suitable for the mantelpiece or bedside table.

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WONDER — DISCS

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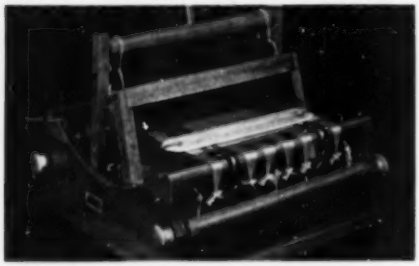

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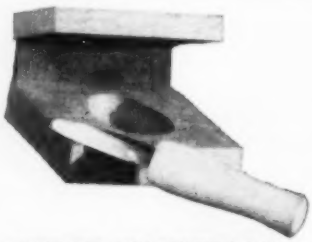

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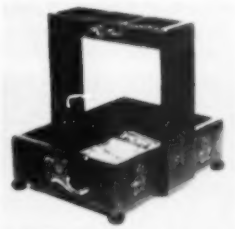

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It is this strange economic contradiction which makes the story of the building of Four Winds at Acton Ridge, Me. The young couple from Boston who managed to cross the economic border were students at the time, 1933—he, Clarence Langley, at Franklin Union Institute, she, Ruth Beckford, at Boston University. They had to have a house, and drew the plans themselves.

A sympathetic aunt gave the land, and that, in addition to $33.33, the YANKEE Swoppers' Columns, and a five-cent government booklet was apparently all they needed. For boards, down came native pine—sawed up at a local miller's. For cement, Clarence ex-

That Built

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Clarence is buried where he wanted to be, atop Mt. Olympus (which is what the rock on which Four Winds was built is called) very near his and Ruth's home. His sons know him as their father, respect the ideals he stood for, chip in their share to help their mother in his absence.

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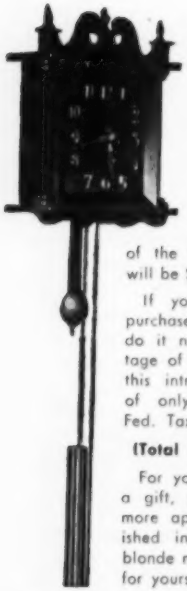

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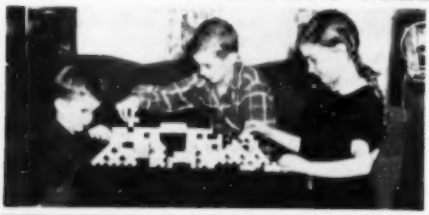

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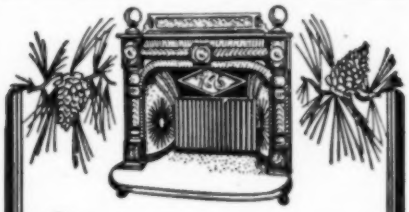

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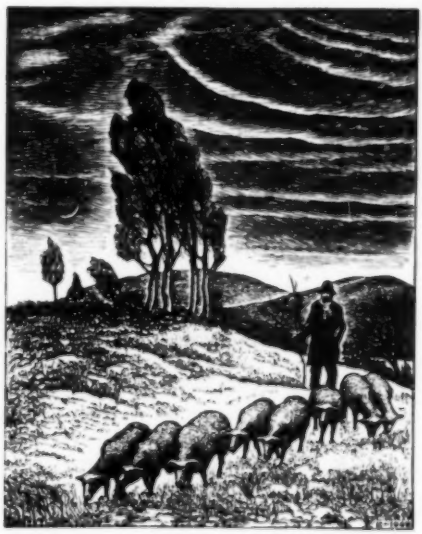
The People Called Shakers, by Edward Deming Andrews. Oxford University Press, 1953. $6.00—In the 19th Century you weren't considered foolhardy if you decided to start up a Utopia. You just went and bought a good-sized farm somewhere and invited a few other Utopians to come and try out the idyllic life. So it was with Brook Farm, with Fruitlands, and with the Shakers. We are less gullible about Utopias today. Utopians were sometimes disillusioned. Hawthorne couldn't abide Brook Farm after he tried it. A. Bronson Alcott gave up Fruitlands and its apples and linen smocks (when Mrs. Alcott vowed she'd go away and take the children). But some Utopians kept going—Alcott's friend Charles Lane, for example. just went across the river from Fruitlands and joined up with the Shakers. They had been going on for a long time, dating back to their founder Ann Lee.

Interest in the Shakers has always been of two kinds—respect for their

the SHAKERS?

diligent craftsmanship, and morbid curiosity about their celibacy. The latter is traced in this book to Ann Lee's marriage to a Manchester, England blacksmith in 1762, and the loss of her



four children. "She saw the deaths of her children as a series of judgments on her 'concupiscence.'" After a terrible crisis about this, "My soul broke forth to God," she wrote. Her husband, meanwhile, had been "glad to leave" their bed, which Ann's agony had made unbearable.

Ann now had a sense of mission, and her condemnation of sex became a cardinal tenet of the Shakers when she joined them. There followed persecutions, in which Ann seemed martyrlike, and at last a small group came to

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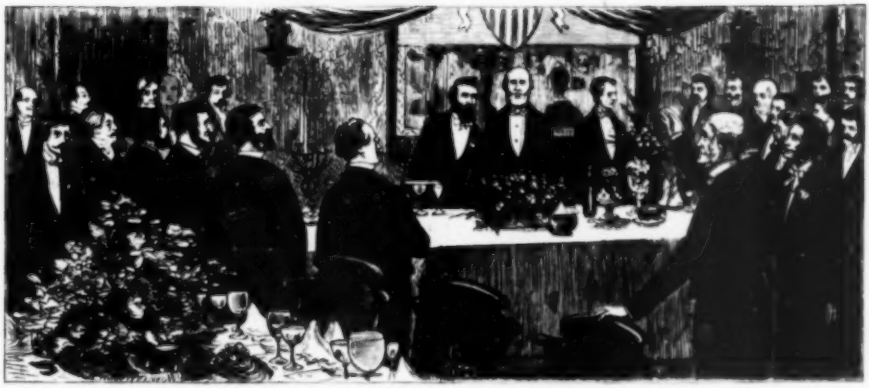

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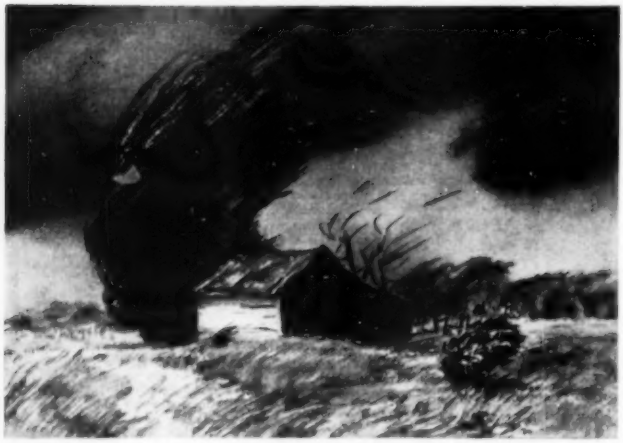

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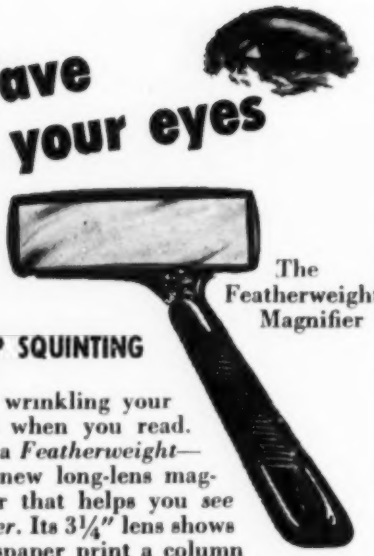

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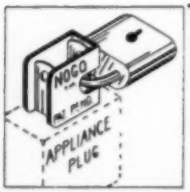

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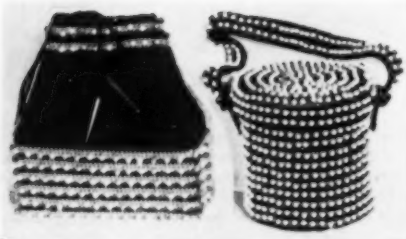

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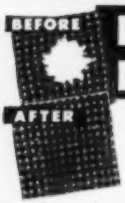

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That Roman stripes will be popular.

Short fur jackets are and will be for some time, with us, and the nipped-in waist is gaining in popularity. Sweetheart and scoop necklines will be more prevalent this year. Small hats with flowers and feathers will remain favorites. Priscilla saw, at the Dartmouth vs. Colgate game, suits—suits—suits in pin checks, suits in tweed and suits in gray flannel. She saw pillboxes and more pillboxes—some with veils, some with flowers, some with sequins. And she saw (shades of our grandmothers . . .) fur tippets! So, it looks as if they're back to stay. Very prominent was the ascot relieving the unadorned neckline. Hair was mostly short, but one of the best-looking gals we saw had long hair coiffed in a psyche knot . . . gray, too . . . but was she beautiful? She was.

At the dinner held during the Fall Conference of The New England Association of Teachers of English held at the Hotel Northampton, Northampton, Mass., October 2, Miss Dorothy G. Potter, vice president of the association, and chairman, set the pace for dinner dresses by wearing a black velvet blouse (cape sleeves) with a tulip neckline, accentuated by a large red velvet rose. Blouse was worn in combination with a black taffeta skirt lined with crinoline which was relieved by black velvet inserted diagonally across the front, and which flared into a large bow on the left hip. Miss Potter wore rhinestone accessories. Very nice!

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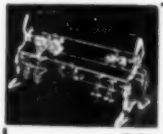

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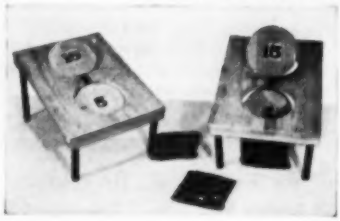

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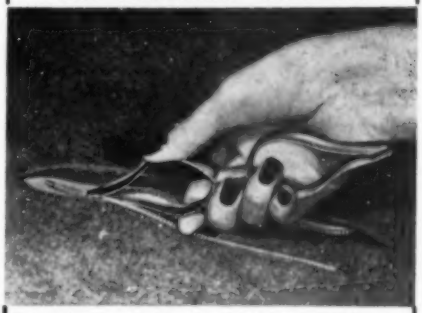

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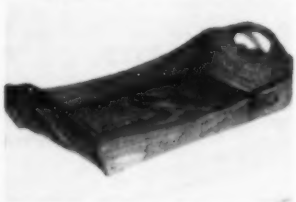

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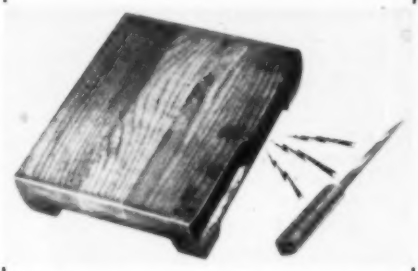

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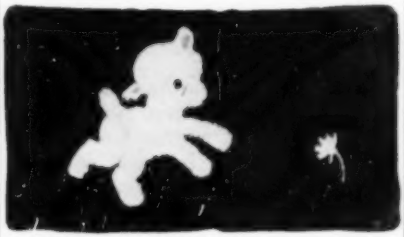

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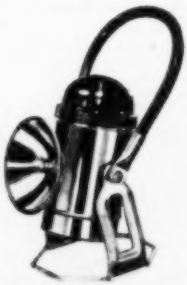

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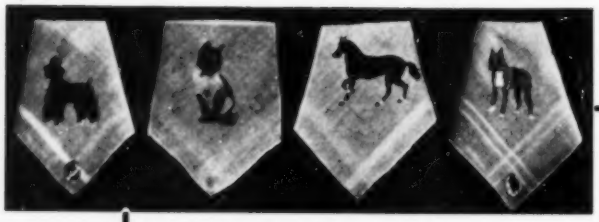

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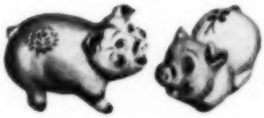

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